

President's Editorial



Dear EBLIDA members, dear colleagues.

Following-up on my previous editorial, by now you should all have received information about the next elections during the 20th EBLIDA Council on May 10th, 2012 in Copenhagen both by post and email

As you have already noticed, the Council will take place in the wonderful Black Diamond, the Royal Library of Denmark, in the Karen Blixen meeting room. It will be held on Thursday 10 May 2012 from 13.00 to 18.00.

After the meeting, EBLIDA attendants are kindly invited to a guided tour of the library from 18.00 to 19.00.

Don't miss it! It will be a nice way to end the 20th Council meeting.

Regarding the work that has to be done *before* the elections, I would like to remind you that to achieve in its work, EBLIDA needs a committed new Executive Committee and President.

It takes the opportunity of this editorial to announce to you that after two terms of Presidency, it is now time for me to stand down as president. I have gained tremendous experience during this time and it has been a great honour for me to work with such esteemed colleagues. I am positive that we will find a new President who will take over my duties with dedication and commitment.

It is of the utmost importance that you send your nominations in to us on time. **Let me kindly remind you that the deadline to submit your nomination is Friday 20 April.** Of course, the sooner the information arrives at the Secretariat, the easier it will be to organise. After April 20, the Secretariat will collect the information received and display it for you to read and review (more information on page 4).

Meanwhile, together with EBLIDA, NAPLE is actively preparing the conference. We know that this conference will be slightly different than the others since the audience will be invited to take part in the discussion via active workshops and panel discussions with the speakers. You are most welcome to spread information about the 20th EBLIDA-NAPLE conference among your colleagues, professional networks in order to attract as many participants as possible.

The challenges faced by libraries have to be discussed openly. Politicians and policy makers have to be advised on the best way to ensure that libraries will remain active both as service providers and also in the development of reading for their communities in the digital era. Raising awareness and proposing solutions is one of the most important of EBLIDA's missions, and your participation in it is key to its success!

It is now time to wish you all to enjoy the read!



Gerald Leitner,
EBLIDA President



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News round-up: E.U.

Power on Democracy— ORGCON 2012

The Open Rights Group, Protecting Your Rights in the Digital Age organised the conference *Power in Democracy* on Saturday 24th March 2012 in London. Among the speakers, **Lawrence Lessig** (Roy L. Furman Professor of Law at Harvard Law School and director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University), **Wendy Seltzer** (Fellow at Yale Law School, founder of Chilling Effects and on the Board of Directors at the TOR Project), and last but not least, **Cory Doctorow** (science fiction author, activist, journalist and blogger -- the co-editor of Boing Boing, former European director of the Electronic Frontier Foundation and co-founded the UK Open Rights Group) who before speaking at the EBLIDA Conference in May in Copenhagen will discuss *The Coming War on General Purpose Computing: The copyright wars were only the first level (Old Cinema)* for one hour.

Users' rights at the heart of the Council of Europe Internet Governance Strategy

On 15th of March, the Council of Europe adopted an Internet Governance Strategy. The main priority of the Council of Europe is to promote Human Rights, democracy and the rule of law on the Internet.

The strategy defines 40 lines of actions grouped in 6 areas described under the item aims and objectives as:

- ◆ protecting the Internet's universality, integrity and openness;
- ◆ maximising rights and freedoms for Internet users;
- ◆ advancing data protection and privacy;
- ◆ enhancing the rule of law and effective co-operation against cyber-crime;
- ◆ maximising the Internet's potential to promote democracy and cultural diversity;
- ◆ protecting and empowering children and young people

The strategy should be implemented between 2012 and 2015.

To find out more information, go to the complete online version at <http://tinyurl.com/6nwf6ck>.

News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe

Guidelines for publishing in the e-book era - what do our readers expect from us?

On 8th March, the Publications Office of the European Union organised a Workshop in the framework of the Inter-institutional editorial committee on e-books called *Guidelines for Publishing in the e-book Era - what do our readers expect from us?*

The workshop was organised in three sessions addressing different angles to the issue at stake.

The first session was *The European e-book market: current and future trends*.

The speaker Rüdiger Wischenbart (consultant and author of "The Global e-book Market: Current Conditions & Future Projections") provided an outline of European e-book market figures and trends.

The second session welcomed *Libraries and Publishers as distribution channels*. Fergal Tobin (President of the Federation of European Publishers) and Vincent Bonnet (Director of EBLIDA) delivered their views on how libraries and publishers could act as delivery channels for content of Publications Office of the European Union. EBLIDA Director showed that a lot of questions were still unanswered since libraries don't yet work with identified business models and standardised licensing.

The third session *E-book Market Players - Their Vision and Perspectives* welcomed specialists of distribution platforms (sometimes called e-tailers). They showed different models of distribution modes and cooperation with-books reading platform.



News round-up: EBLIDA and Europe

A task force of Implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Out-of-Commerce works

On September 20th, EBLIDA was among the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding on Out-of-Commerce Works at the EU Commission in Brussels.

Despite the signature, EBLIDA noticed that " [...] before the parties can engage themselves in licensing agreements, legislation to enable collective licensing solution and to solve the cross-border issue must be in place" (cf. EBLIDA news 09, September 2011). Considering that the EU commission is not willing to engage in any legislative process now, the stakeholders that signed the MoU decided to move forward and to set up a task force to monitor its implementation in several targeted countries of the European Union.

After a first conference call in March, the task force will meet in Copenhagen in April to discuss the next steps. The agenda is already quite full, and we hope to come up with some news in the coming weeks.

EBLIDA activities

Executive Committee Meeting in Paris, 1-2 March 2012

The members of the Executive Committee met during two days in Paris on the premises of the Bibliothèque Publique d'Information. In addition to the busy agenda of the meeting, the Executive Committee members organised a meeting with representatives of the French members of EBLIDA.

French representatives were Pascal Wagner, President of the French Association of Librarians (ABF), Flora Lagneau and Michèle Battisti (also member of EGIL), delegates of the Association of Information and Documentation Professionals (ADBS), Jérôme Kalfon, Director SCD University Paris Descartes, Gérald Grunberg, International Relation Delegate of National Library of France (BnF, Bibliothèque nationale de France), Annie Dourlent, International Relation Delegate of the Information Public Library (BPI, Bibliothèque publique d'information), also host of the meeting.

All the attendees discussed the topics at stake, and especially shared their concerns about the access to digital content, the question of licensing and e-legal deposit as well as the different approaches of each country and the impact of European legislation (or lack of legislation) on the future of libraries.

After lively discussions that lasted an hour and a half, participants had the pleasure of sharing a toast to each others health.

On the second day, Executive Committee members had the opportunity to meet Patrick Bazin, Director of the BPI and to thank him and his colleague Annie Dourlent for the support in organising the meeting.

Expert Group on Culture and Information Society Position Paper

Following-up on our previous article, EBLIDA EGCIS is proud to announce that its position paper *Libraries Cultural Peaks for Information and Inspiration* has now been published in Spanish and also, as promised, in Bulgarian.

The paper is therefore already available in **10 languages of the European Union**. A wonderful proof of EBLIDA cooperation and shared work within EBLIDA.

Currently, the Hungarian translation is ongoing. However, you are most welcome to propose a translation into one of the following languages: Finnish, French, Greek, Latvian, Norwegian, Serbian, Swedish, Estonian, Icelandic, Romanian, Slovenian and Slovakian.

If you are interested to volunteer to translate the position paper into your own language, please send your translation to Hella Klauser (Chair of EGCIS) at klauser@bibliotheksverband.de.

EBLIDA activities

20th Annual EBLIDA Council: Call for nomination for EBLIDA President and Executive Committee

Call for Nomination for a new EBLIDA President

Who can be nominated?

Anybody can stand for EBLIDA Presidency.

Indeed, as stated in article 31 of EBLIDA Constitution " The members of the Executive Committee, with the exception of its President, are Full Members of the Association (vide art.4 and 5)".

What organisation can support the nominee?

For the nomination to be valid, the nominee should be supported by full and/or associate members, or both.

How many support are required to be nominated?

At least three members should support the nomination for it to be valid.

Call for nomination new Executive committee

Who can be a nominee?

Only candidates for Full members association can stand for the Executive Committee (cf. article 31 of EBLIDA Constitution).

What organisation can support the nominee?

For the nomination to be valid, the nominee should be supported by his/her organisation.

How many supporters are required to be nominated?

A nominee should be supported by his/her organisation.

Important notice: Please note that the deadline to send back the nomination forms to EBLIDA secretariat is **20th April 2012**. After that date, nominations will no longer be accepted.

20th Annual EBLIDA Council and Conference Quick overview

Day 1 - THURSDAY May 10th 2012

Council Meeting inc. elections
Time: 13-18 (incl. coffee)
Place: The Royal Library, the Karen Blixen Meeting Room

Reception
The Black Diamond, The Royal Library
Host: Director Erland Kolding Nielsen
Time: Evening
Tour of the Royal Library: 18-19

Day 2 - FRIDAY May 11th 2012

Conference: "Democracy development in a new media environment"
Conference registration: 8.30 – 9.30
Conference: 9.30 – 17.00 (lunch/coffee included)
Place: IDA Meeting Hall, Kalvebod Brygge 33-35, Cph.

Fee: 85 EUR before March 15th and 95 thereafter

Conference Dinner 2012
20.00 - Main building of the unique Carlsberg Museum

DAY 3 - SATURDAY May 12th 2012

Bus tour and visit to Elsinore, North of Zealand
Pick-up central Cph. 9.30 – back 16.00 (to be confirmed)
- 'Kulturværftet' Elsinore Library and Cultural House, opened in 2011.
- 'Kronborg', The Royal Castle of Elsinore

Optional – Fee: 40 EUR (Incl. sandwiches and refreshments)



20th EBLIDA Council & Conference

Copenhagen, Denmark, 10 & 11 May 2012

Join us and register now at <http://db.dk/copenhagen2012>

Please note that the early bird registration is now over.

You can still register for the Council and Conference by following the link:

<http://db.dk/webform/20th-ebilda-naple-conference>.

REGISTRATION OPEN !



EBLIDA who's who?

As the network is evolving, and as new members enter EBLIDA's community, the EBLIDA newsletter has decided to open its columns to members wishing to introduce themselves to others. The idea is to get to know each other better, to discover more about our association-colleagues, and to strengthen our links and cooperation.

Before its 20th Council and Conference, EBLIDA focuses on Danish Associations. This month, it opens its columns to :



DanmarksForskningsbiblioteksforening / The Danish Research Library Association

The Danish Research Library Association covers university and national libraries, special and research libraries, and libraries within education. The Association works to promote initiatives to the benefit of libraries and the entire library community, strengthen the co-operation on information dissemination, exchange ideas and experience within the broader field of culture and cooperate with similar organisations. Members of the organisation are libraries and their employees, as well

as individuals interested in library matters or employed at non-member libraries. Library executives and employees are equally represented at the board. The recruitment takes into consideration to achieve a balanced board due to geography, library types and sex.

Activities

The Association contributes to the development of libraries and library services through the targeted activities of 5 Forums. A Forum is a special interest group established to attend special tasks and activities in fields where specific efforts are required. Their subject matters are Registration, User Education including plagiarism and information literacy, Electronic Resources, Services to Researchers, and Inter Library Loans including acquisition and reference. The Forums works to facilitate the articles of the association through exchange of experience and debates on issues of relevance to the forum. They monitor national and international development, instigate debate and commitment, and disseminate knowledge in the field of the Forums through Revy, the journal of the Association. REVY is an open access journal published 6 times a year with articles and news in Danish, plus occasionally in Swedish or Norwegian. Online articles are available on the REVY website.

Each Forum arranges at least one 1 day workshop or a 2 days conference per year on hot topics in need of exploration and enlightenment. The events are open to anyone. The activities contribute to extend knowledge and build skills throughout the library landscape and they are essential as a means of collaboration and networking. To substantiate the issues keynote speakers from abroad are often invited and we are happy to see attendees from Norway and Sweden quite often. The Forums take their turn in arranging international conferences such as Nordic ILL Conferences and Creating Knowledge.

Participation

The Association cooperates with other library associations at home and abroad, and has a seat in national committees and advisory boards. In some national committees a forum may participate on behalf of the Association, when the subject matter is best handled by a subject specialist.

New developments

The Association has recently appointed a committee of executives and staff to the task of writing a report on the Future of the Research Library. This subject will be one of the themes at the annual convention this year. Supplementary to this report the Association will, in cooperation with the library labour unions, describe the competences needed to work in the emerging reality of research libraries. Another issue of special interest is E-books. The Forum on E-Resources will have a special focus on the e-book in all aspects over the next 3 years. The Association has published the survey E-bogsbarometer2011 (only available in Danish). The survey will be repeated in 2012. Further education is a new activity in the portfolio. Due to expressed needs of further education in libraries, the Association will offer a set of courses. The Association will engage relevant expertise to attend to the teaching. It is a key issue to keep it simple and efficient. It's essential to keep focus on open access, copyright, economic conditions, journal pricing and licenses for digital material to secure the free access to information that libraries provide, in the important task of furthering education and supporting democracy.



Michael Cotta-Schønberg
President

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Vice President



Events and Dates: March—April 2012

March 2012

EDGE2012: Pushing the Boundaries of Public Service Delivery
Date: March 1 – 2, Edinburgh, Scotland
<http://edgeconference.co.uk/>

Foire du Livre Bruxelles/Brussels Book Fair
Date: March 1—5, Brussels, Belgium
<http://www.flb.be>

ICSTI 2012 Annual Members' Meeting and Workshop: "Delivering Data in Science"
Date: March 3– 5, Paris, France
<http://www.icsti.org/spip.php?rubrique49>

Social Science and Digital Research: Interdisciplinary Insights
Date: March 12, Oxford, UK
<http://www.oii.ox.ac.uk/events/?id=486>

Leipzig Book Fair
Date: March 15—18, Leipzig, Germany
http://www.leipzig-messe.de/LeMMon/buch_web_eng.nsf

Salon du Livre Paris 2012
Date: March 16 – 19, Paris, France
<http://www.salondulivreparis.com/GB/PRO/Trade-Visitor-Section.htm>

Tools of Change (TOC) Bologna
Date: March 18, Bologna, Italy
<http://www.tocbologna.com/>

Launching and managing open access journals
Date: March 19, London, UK
<http://www.alpsp.org/Ebusiness/Meetings/Meeting.aspx?ID=262>

Bologna Children's Book Fair
Date: March 19 – 22, Bologna, Italy
<http://www.bolognachildrensbookfair.com/en/>

DGI 2012 Conference: Social Media and Web Science--The Web as a Habitat
Date: March 22 – 23, Düsseldorf, Germany
<http://www.dgd.de/Cfp2012DGI-Konferenz.aspx>

UKSG 2012 Annual Conference
Date: March 26 – 28, Glasgow, Scotland
<http://www.uksg.org/event/conference12/cfp>

SMX München
Date: March 27 – 28, München, Germany
<http://smxmuenchen.de/>

6th International Conference on Information Systems, Technology and Management (ICISTM 2012)
Date: March 28 – 30, Grenoble, France
<http://www.icistm.org/>

April 2012

34th European Conference on Information Retrieval
Date: April 1 – 5, Barcelona, Spain
<http://ecir2012.upf.edu/>

Librarians' Information Literacy Annual Conference (LILAC 2012)
Date: April 11 – 13, Glasgow, Scotland
<http://lilacconference.com/WP/>

IFLA International Newspaper Conference 2012: Newspaper Digitization and Preservation: New Prospects. Stakeholders, Practices, Users and Business Models
Date: April 11 – 13, Paris, France
<http://www.ifla.org/en/events/ifla-international-newspaper-conference-2012>

Fiesole Collection Development Retreat
Date: April 12 – 14, Fiesole, Italy
http://www.casalini.it/retreat/retreat_2012.html

8th International Convention of Slavic Librarians (ICSL)
Date: April 15 – 18, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

International Information Conference on Search, Data Mining and Visualization (II-SDV)
Date: April 16 – 17, Nice, France
<http://www.ii-sdv.com/home-page.html>

3rd International Conference on Information Management and Evaluation – (ICIME)
Date: April 16 – 17, Ankara, Turkey
<http://academic-conferences.org/icime/icime2012/icime12-home.htm>

Digital Media Europe 2012
Date: April 16 – 18, London, UK
<http://www.ifra.com/website/ifraevent.nsf/wuis/7BD82D06CC50904AC125786C0016663E?OpenDocument&CS&E&>

London Book Fair
Date: April 16 – 18, London, UK
<http://www.londonbookfair.co.uk/>

21st International WWW Conference
Date: April 16 – 20, Lyon, France
<http://www.conference.org/www2012/>

8th International Conference on Web Information Systems and Technologies (WEBIST 2012)
Date: April 18 – 21, Porto, Portugal
<http://www.webist.org/>

19th International Book Festival Budapest
Date: April 19 – 22, Budapest, Hungary
<http://www.bookfestival.hu/angol.html>

Workshop on semantic analysis in social networks
Date: April 23, Avignon, France
http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=EN_NEWS&ACTION=D&SESSION=&RCN=34082

4th European Conference on Intellectual Capital (ECIC 2012)
Date: April 23 – 24, Helsinki, Finland
<http://academic-conferences.org/ecic/ecic2012/ecic12-call-papers.htm>

10th International Bielefeld Conference 2012: Shaping Future INFO-Structures, Feeding Data, Designing Information Services and Building ICT-Infrastructure for a Digital Natives' World
Date: April 24 – 26, Bielefeld, Germany
<http://conference.ub.uni-bielefeld.de/>

DREaM Project (Developing Research Excellence and Methods) Workshop 3
Date: April 25, Edinburgh, Scotland
<http://lisresearch.org/dream-project/>

26th Geneva International Book, Press, and Multimedia Fair
Date: April 25 – 29, Geneva, Switzerland
<http://www.salondulivre.ch/en/>

9th Thessaloniki Book Fair
Date: April 26 – 29, Thessaloniki, Greece
http://www.thessalonikibookfair.com/2012/default_en.asp

7th St. Petersburg International Book Salon
Date: April 26 – 29
St. Petersburg, Russia
<http://spbbooksalon.lenexpo.ru/>

Funding Calls and Deadlines

See the [EBLIDA funding pages](#) for more details.